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City focusing on Lake Taneycomo Acres for next neighborhood project

Walking tour scheduled May 16th

Branson city officials are preparing for the next in a series of neighborhood projects, this time with the Lake Taneycomo Acres and surrounding residential area. Spearheaded by the city's planning and development department, these projects involve city staff and members of the Board of Aldermen working with residents of each neighborhood to identify the strengths and weaknesses of that particular area.

As with the first several projects, the Lake Taneycomo Acres project will begin with a walking tour of the area. Residents are invited to meet with city officials on Thursday, May 16, 5:30 p.m. at the intersection of Caudill Way and River Drive, weather permitting. From there, the group will walk the neighborhood to get an overall impression of the area, and hear from neighbors what their concerns and issues are that the city can assist with.

A follow-up meeting will then be scheduled at a later date with land owners and residents of the neighborhood. This later event will begin the process of addressing those issues brought out for the neighborhood.

The Lake Taneycomo Acres area is bounded by Fall Creek Road on the west, Lake Taneycomo to the East, The Lakeside Forest Wilderness Area to the North, and the City's Cooper Creek Treatment Plant to the South.

Lake Taneycomo residents have received letters inviting their participation in their neighborhood project.

These projects first began three years ago with the Cliff Drive residential area, now known as Hiawatha Heights. Since, two additional neighborhoods have also received the same focus and have formed neighborhood organizations, including Cantwell Hills, and Lucia Ridge. The city has also initiated the process, and continues to work with the Parnell Drive area. Eventually, officials plan to meet with each neighborhood within the city.

Once identified, staff works with residents in finding ways to maintain or expand upon strengths while working toward solutions for those areas in need of improvement. In some instances, the

city can provide solutions, but in many cases, these projects are about assisting the neighborhood in helping itself with concerns that are beyond the scope of city services.

“The neighborhood meetings are an opportunity for us to meet with residents where they live and to more fully understand the concerns they live with on a daily basis,” said Jim Lawson, Branson’s planning and development director. “We greatly appreciate those willing to get involved for the betterment of their neighborhood.”

Branson residents not living in this neighborhood are also welcome to attend the meetings to see the process.

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